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Another 49 protest in Spain

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A protest that university personalities have been arrested in Madrid following the Spanish intellectuals' demand for an inquiry into the alleged tortures of Asturian miners, has been made by 49 Spanish artists, writers, and professors, according to Appeal for Amnesty in Spain.

They have sent to the Appeal the text of a letter addressed to Senor Vicente Aleixandre of the Spanish Academy of Languages, and Senor Pedro Lain Entralgo, former Dean of Madrid University. These two signed the original protest of the 101 Spanish intellectuals, the allegations in which were denied by the Minister of Information.

The Appeal states that the text of the new letter reads:

"The undersigned wish to associate themselves with the letter you and another hundred Spanish intellectuals sent to the Minister of Information and Tourism of the Spanish Government, requesting an investigation of the alleged tortures which have apparently been inflicted on several Asturian miners and their wives.

"They further wish to point out that the publication of that letter has coincided with the arrest in Madrid of university personalities Angel Fernandez Santos, Javier Pradera, Gabriela Sanchez Mazas de Pradera, Jose Sanchez Mazas and his wife, Fernando Sacher Drago, and a number of students.

"The undersigned wish to underline the fact that no investigation has ever been carried out of the circumstances surrounding the death of the poet, Manuel Moreno Barranco, in the prison of Jerez in February 1963."

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The letter asks that investigations into all these events should be carried out under legal and moral guarantees and rejects the "tendentious and misleading explanations" put forward by the Minister of Information. It wishes to draw attention to "the complete lack of objectivity and integrity of the Spanish Information Service, which withholds from Spaniards the knowledge of important facts and constantly infringes one of the fundamental human rights."